

Saskatchewan Government And General Employees' Union

COMMUNICATION

SIASST Administrative Support Unit

Strike Payback Assessment

February 2005

Prior to our strike in May, 2004 SGEU established a separate fund to which all strike-related expenditures for our bargaining unit were coded. After extensive review by the Negotiating Committee, the cost of these expenditures has been calculated and the strike repayment total finalized.

As we outlined in previous communications prior to accessing the Defense Fund, our bargaining unit is required to repay all monies expended on the strike, other than the picket line stipend of \$25.00 per day for members who reported for picket line duty. The amount each member repays is based on a percentage of his/her gross salary. The following is a breakdown of the Defense Fund expenditures:

Total strike pay expended	\$389,911.81
Less: \$25/day/per member picketing	\$107,975.00
Subtotal	\$281,936.81
Add: other expenditures*	\$ 35,782.49
Total to be repaid	\$317,719.30

*Other expenditures include the cost of the bus rental (strike headquarters), cellular phones, washroom facilities, coffee, water, gas for the bus, travel, etc.

As outlined in the SGEU Strike Manual, money borrowed from the Defense Fund must be repaid within an 18 month period. The Administrative Support Negotiating Committee has authorized SGEU to notify SIASST to increase union dues by 1.13% for the next 18 months. We will track the amount being paid back and reduce the payback period, if possible.

We regret the delay in determining the payback amount; however, the Negotiating Committee wanted to ensure that the financial information on the strike activity was complete and accurate prior to beginning the payback. Any questions regarding the payback should be directed to your local campus chairperson.

In solidarity,
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Joan Popadyne, Chairperson, Kelsey Campus
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